

HOUSE RESOLUTION 261

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Santana Woodard upon her naming as the Newport/Cocke County Boys and Girls Club 2007 Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Santana Woodard, who was recently named 2007 Youth of the Year by the Newport/Cocke County Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, the Newport/Cocke County Boys and Girls Club exists to serve youth and to be a safe place of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; it currently serves forty children, with that number doubling to more than eighty during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, Santana Woodard, a Cocke County High School sophomore and the daughter of Meschelyn Robinson, is an integral part of the successful operations of the Boys and Girls Club and serves as a mentor for other youth while regularly assisting the Club's staff; and

WHEREAS, Miss Woodard epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Santana is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like

Miss Woodard, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Santana Woodard upon the occasion of her naming as the Newport/Cocke County Boys and Girls Club 2007 Youth of the Year and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.